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Mail Stop 313 (c) Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.313, applicants hereby petition to withdraw the aboveidentified application from issue.

On January 14, 2004, a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due statement was mailed to applicants. The Issue Fee was paid on March 23, 2004. Applicants have since decided to file a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in order to have the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office consider the paper entitled "Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98" which is filed along with the RCE. To have this information considered, applicants hereby petition, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2), for the above-identified application to be withdrawn from issue so that the information disclosure statement can be considered in the RCE.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), the petition fee of \$130.00 is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 14-1138.

Respectfully submitted,

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